Quality of Surgical Glove*

497. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether surgical gloves supplied to Government Hospitals by Government Undertakings are reported to be of inferior quality;

(b) whether, in view of cracks, surgeons are reluctant to use the gloves; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) The surgical gloves currently used in Central Government Hospitals are not of inferior quality.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Terrorism in J&K

498. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed and injured in terrorism-related violence in Jammu and Kashmir during the period from 1st August, 1995 to 31st October, 1995;

(b) how many of those killed were militants, how many were civilians and how many belonged to the security forces;

(c) the number of persons abducted and the number of persons missing during the period from 1st August, 1995 to 31st October, 1995;

(d) the number of mines explosions and bomb bursting in the aforesaid period; and

(e) how many times the security forces were attacked by the militants/terrorists during the aforesaid period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) According to the available Information, during the period from 1.8.1995 to 31.10.1995, 743 persons were killed. This included 346 militants, 326 civilians and 71 security force personnel.

(c) 164 persons were abducted of whom 57 were killed and 47 are reported to have been rescued, released or escaped. There is no definite information ir respect of the remaining persons.

(d) There were 268 explosions, including those caused by mines and bombs during the period.

(e) Militants attacked the security forces 769 times during the period.

Installed capacity of, cement

499. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand the installed capacity of cement;

(b) whether any long term plan has been drawn up for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the target set under the plan in the expansion of the installed capacity of cement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government has no plans for setting up any new cement plants or for substantial expansion of the existing plants. However, the Planning Commission has set a target of installed capacity of 90 million tonnes by the terminal year of the Eighth Five Year Plan, i.e. 1996-97.

Raids Carried out by CBI

500. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of raids carried out by the CBI on the public dealing Government offices of the Central Government, NDMC etc. during 1995